IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising the steps of:
        evaluating by a multimedia messaging service center
whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported
components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of a
receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message
to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not
enough for supporting all of said unsupported components
using said capabilities, identifying an internet server
location of software needed for rendering unadopted
components of said originally unsupported components by said
receiving terminal;
        providing by a multimedia messaging service center
directly to a~~ said receiving terminal a multimedia messaging
service signal incorporating both: a) a further multimedia
message signal (FMMS) indicative of said multimedia message
and b) a URL signal ~~from a multimedia messaging service
center (14) to a said receiving terminal, said URL signal
providing~~ which provides said internet server location of
said software obtainable by the receiving terminal; and
        providing the software to the receiving terminal for
said rendering of said unadopted components of the
multimedia message by the receiving terminal using said URL
signal.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the software
is provided to the receiving terminal in response to a
software request signal sent by the receiving terminal to
the internet server location provided by the URL signal.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the software request signal is sent by the receiving terminal to the internet server location provided by the URL signal only after receiving a software request command from a user.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the software request signal is sent by the receiving terminal to the internet server location provided by the URL signal automatically after receiving the multimedia messaging service signal incorporating the URL signal.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, after the step of providing the multimedia messaging service signal, further comprising the step of:

deciding whether additional software is needed to be installed in the receiving terminal for rendering said unadopted components of said originally unsupported components of said a multimedia message by the receiving terminal.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said decision is made by the user.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said decision is made automatically by the receiving terminal.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

rendering the further multimedia message signal indicative of the multimedia message by the receiving terminal, so that the multimedia message is perceptible by a user.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, prior to the step of providing the multimedia messaging service signal, further comprising the step of:

receiving and optionally storing a multimedia message signal comprising said multimedia message by the multimedia messaging service center.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

providing optionally a message notification signal (16) to the receiving terminal by the multimedia messaging service center; and

providing a message retrieval request signal containing a terminal signal indicative of a terminal information and optionally a multipurpose internet mail extension (MIME) signal indicative of a terminal-specific MIME information to the multimedia messaging service center by the receiving terminal.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the message retrieval request signal is sent in response to the message notification signal.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said step evaluating and identifying is performed using the terminal and MIME signals using a database of the multimedia messaging service center.

13. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of:

adapting by the multimedia messaging service center the appropriate unsupported components of the MMS to meet the capabilities of the receiving terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the MIME information is deduced by the multimedia messaging service center from the terminal information contained in the message retrieval request signal and from a software release information.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein a terminal signal indicative of a terminal information is provided to the multimedia messaging service center during a registration process of a particular application.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the particular application is a session initiation protocol (SIP) instant messaging or a SIP messaging session.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein a terminal-specific multipurpose internet mail extension (MIME) information is deduced by the multimedia messaging service center from the terminal information and from a software release information.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the further multimedia message signal is the same as the multimedia message signal and all said unadopted components are said originally unsupported components.

19.   (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a multimedia messaging service center, for evaluating whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of a receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not enough for supporting all of said unsupported components using said capabilities, identifying an internet server location of software needed for rendering unadopted components of said originally unsupported components by said receiving terminal; for providing a multimedia message service signal incorporating both: a) a further multimedia message signal (FMMS) indicative of said multimedia message and b) a URL signal, said URL signal providing which provides said internet server location of said software; and

a receiving terminal responsive to the multimedia message service signal sent directly to the receiving terminal, for obtaining said software for said rendering of said unadopted components of the multimedia message.

20.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the multimedia messaging service center is further responsive to a multimedia message signal indicative of the multimedia message and to a message retrieval request signal containing a terminal signal indicative of a terminal information and optionally a multipurpose internet mail extensions (MIME) signal indicative of a terminal-specific MIME information.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the multimedia messaging service center further provides a message notification signal to the receiving terminal.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the receiving terminal is responsive to a software request command by a user, for providing a message retrieval request signal containing a terminal signal indicative of a terminal information and optionally a multipurpose internet mail extensions (MIME) signal indicative of a terminal-specific MIME information, for providing a software request signal to the internet server, for providing a URL image signal to the user, and for rendering the further multimedia message signal indicative of the multimedia message perceptible by the user.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22, wherein the receiving terminal, is further responsive to a message notification signal.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, further comprising a sending terminal, for providing a multimedia message signal to the multimedia messaging service center.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the further multimedia message signal is the same as the multimedia message signal and all said unadopted components are said originally unsupported components.

26. (Previously Presented) A computer program for storage on a computer readable medium for executing the steps of claim 1.

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27.   (Currently Amended) A multimedia messaging service center, comprising:

a database for identifying uniform resource locators (URLs) of terminal-specific downloadable software;

means for evaluating whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of a receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not enough for supporting all of said unsupported components using said capabilities, identifying, using said database an internet server location of software needed for rendering unadopted components of said originally unsupported components by said receiving terminal; and

means for providing directly to said to said receiving terminal a multimedia message service signal ~~to said receiving terminal, incorporating~~ which incorporates both: a) a further multimedia message signal (FMMS) indicative of ~~a~~ said multimedia message and b) a URL signal~~, said URL signal providing~~ which provides said internet server location of said software for said rendering of said unadopted components of the multimedia message by the receiving terminal.

28.   (Currently Amended) A receiving terminal, comprising:

means directly responsive to the multimedia message service signal~~, incorporating~~ which incorporates both: a) a further multimedia message signal (FMMS) indicative of a multimedia message and b) a URL signal~~, said URL signal providing~~ which provides an internet server location of software obtainable by the receiving terminal; and

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means for sending a software request signal to the internet server location provided by the URL signal,

wherein said software is needed for rendering unadopted components of an originally unsupported components of a multimedia message by said receiving terminal, wherein prior to providing said URL signal, it is evaluated whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of said receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not enough for supporting all of said unsupported components using said capabilities, said internet server location of said software is identified, wherein said software is needed for said rendering said unadopted components of said originally unsupported components by said receiving terminal.

29. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising the steps of:

evaluating whether it is appropriate to adapt originally unsupported components of a multimedia message to meet capabilities of a receiving terminal before providing said multimedia message to said receiving terminal and, if said adaptation is not enough for supporting all of said unsupported components using said capabilities, identifying an internet server location of software needed for rendering unadopted components of said originally unsupported components by said receiving terminal;

providing <u>directly to said receiving terminal</u> a multimedia messaging service signal incorporating a further multimedia message signal (FMMS) indicative of <u>both: a)</u> said multimedia message and <u>b)</u> a URL signal ~~to said receiving terminal, said URL signal providing~~ <u>which provides</u> said

internet server location of said software obtainable by the receiving terminal; and

provding the software to the receiving terminal for said rendering of said unadopted components of the multimedia message by the receiving terminal <u>using said URL signal</u>.

30. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor with said computer program code characterized in that it includes instructions for performing the steps of the method of claim 29 indicated as being performed by any component of the receiving terminal.

31. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said URL signal is message text component or a part of a header.

32. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein said URL signal is message text component or a part of a header.